

FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Mayor Rick Adams called the regular meeting of the Township of Bass River Commission to order on February 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act were complied with as notice was published to the *Atlantic City Press* stating the time, date and place of this meeting.

The following Commission Members were in attendance: Commissioner Jane Allen, Deputy Mayor Louis Bourguignon and Mayor Rick Adams.

Mayor Adams led the salute to the flag.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mrs. Allen that the minutes of the meetings of January 5, 2026 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Mrs. Allen read the Court Report for January 2026 a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

RESOLUTION #25-26

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #25-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #26-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP AND JERSEY SHORE LIVE STEAM ORGANIZATION, T/A THE TUCKERTON RAILROAD AND STEAM ORGANIZATION, AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A NEW LEASE TO PERMIT THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE BASS RIVER MUNICIPAL PARK

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #26-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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RESOLUTION #27-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT/AREA TO LIBERTY PARKS AND
PLAYGROUNDS**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #27-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #28-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AWARDING A STATE CONTRACT FOR
RUBBER MULCH FOR THE PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT/AREA TO RUBBERCYCLE**

Mayor Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #28-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #29-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A
GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION WITH
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS FOR THE LOCAL RECREATION
IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

Mayor Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #29-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #30-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY APPOINTING A CONTACT PERSON FOR
THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY
ATTORNEY CONSULTATION SERVICE WITHIN
THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT
INSURANCE FUND**

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Mayor Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #30-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

ORDINANCE #1 OF 2026

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL
BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Adams that the meeting be opened for public hearing on Ordinance #1 of 2026. So moved.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Adams moved, second Mrs. Allen that the public portion be closed. It was so moved.

Mr. Adams moved, second by Mrs. Allen that Ordinance #1 of 2026 be approved for final adoption after second reading and public hearing. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Absent – none; Abstain – none.

ORDINANCE #2 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AMENDING TITLE 8, ENTITLED “HEALTH AND SAFETY”, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 8.20 ENTITLED “NUISANCES” TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Adams that the meeting be opened for public hearing on Ordinance #2 of 2026. So moved.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Adams moved, second Mrs. Allen that the public portion be closed. It was so moved.

Mr. Adams moved, second by Mrs. Allen that Ordinance #2 of 2026 be approved for final adoption after second reading and public hearing. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Absent – none; Abstain – none.

ORDINANCE #3 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 12 “STREETS. SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES”

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Mr. Adams moved, second by Mrs. Allen that Ordinance #3 of 2026 be approved as first reading and scheduling second reading for March 9, 2026. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Absent – none; Abstain – none.

Mayor and Commissioners thanked Heather, the Public Works people; the Fire Department and EMS for all that have done during the most recent storm.

Township Solicitor informed the Commissioners they are just waiting on the legal process to be complete for the final in-rem foreclosures.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Adams that the meeting be opened to the public portion of the meeting. It was so moved.

There was a question when the playground will be re-opened and it was informed the playground has to be fixed and until that happens that is what is closed. The walking trail and tennis courts are open.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Adams that the public portion be closed. It was so moved.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Adams that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Approved:

WILLIAM "RICK" ADAMS
MAYOR